

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISON**

JENNILYN SALINAS, LINDSEY
NGUYEN, DEANNA LORRAINE, et
al.

Plaintiffs.

V.

NANCY PELOSI, MITCH
McCONNELL, CHUCK SCHUMER,
MARK ZUCKERBERG, et al.

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:21-CV-162

PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT
AGAINST DEFENDANT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Plaintiffs Jennilyn Salinas, Lindsey Nguyen, “P.P.,” “D.D.,” “T.M.,” “S.M.,” and “M.L.” (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), by and through their attorney, Paul M. Davis, request the court clerk to enter a default against Defendant Republican National Committee (“Defendant”), as authorized by Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a).

A. INTRODUCTION

1. On February 22, 2021, Plaintiffs sued Defendant for conspiring with state officials to deprive of civil rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and for conspiracy to deprive of civil rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1985.

2. Plaintiffs filed their First Amended Complaint (the “Complaint”) on March 24, 2021 and served Defendant with a summons and the Complaint by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, which was accepted by Defendant on May

5, 2021. A copy of the Service Affidavit and Return of Service is attached as **Exhibit A**.

B. ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITY

3. “When a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party’s default.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a).

4. The clerk must enter a default against Defendant because Defendant did not file a responsive pleading within twenty-one days after April 27, 2021, the date of service. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(1)(A)(i), 55(a).

5. The clerk must enter a default against Defendant because Defendant did not otherwise defend the suit. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a).

6. Plaintiff meets the procedural requirements for obtaining an entry of default from the clerk as demonstrated by the sworn affidavit, attached as **Exhibit B**.

7. Because Defendant did not file a responsive pleading or otherwise defend the suit, Defendant is not entitled to notice of entry of default. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a); *Haw. Carpenters’ Trust Funds v. Stone*, 794 F.2d 508, 512 (9th Cir. 1986); *see generally Pichardo v. Lucky Cousins Trucking, Inc.*, 5-16-CV-01248-RBF, 2019 WL 1572936, at *2, n.1 (W.D. Tex. Apr. 10, 2019) (notice not required prior to entry of default).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that the court clerk enter a default against Defendant Republican National Committee in favor of Plaintiffs.

Respectfully submitted this May 27, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the foregoing motion on all counsel of record who have made appearances in this action to date via the court's ECF notification system on May 27, 2021.

/s/ Paul M. Davis
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